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SUBJECT: (C/NF) LIB DEM CONFERENCE: MOSTLY MORE OF THE SAME

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Greg Berry,  
reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C/NF) Summary. The Liberal Democrats' quiet September 20 - 23 conference received mixed reviews in the UK media and did little to tell vc  
The Next Elections and Coalition War Gaming -----

¶2. (C/NF) Senior Liberal Democrat leaders - including former leader Sir Menzies Campbell, Defense Spokesman Nick Harvey, Development Spokesma

¶3. (C/NF) Campbell said he foresaw a minority government based on the results of the next elections, which must be held before June 3, 2010.

¶4. (C/NF) Declaring the Lib Dems "don't want to hang with anyone" in a hung parliament, Harvey said a "polite coalition," similar to the arrar  
Afghanistan and Pakistan -----

¶5. (C/NF) The conference adopted a resolution on the conflict in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which the right-leaning media houses trumpeted as a

¶6. (C/NF) Separately, the Lib Dems also called for the review of the exchange of notes between the U.S. and UK that allows for U.S. military i  
Domestic Policy -----

¶7. (C/NF) On the domestic front, Leader Nick Clegg's call for "savage" cuts in public spending and Deputy Leader Vince Cable's announcement of  
Comment -----

¶8. (C/NF) Clegg's final message that the party is ready to govern sounded "dull," as one political analyst put it, after an unfocused conferer  
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